

MASKS IN CHILD CARE

Masks or Cloth Face Coverings

Wearing a face mask indoors is no longer mandated in Michigan for individuals per the Recission of Emergency Orders (June 22, 2021) issued by MDHHS. However, wearing a face mask is still one of the most important ways to reduce transmission of COVID-19. The CDC continues to recommend that unvaccinated individuals wear masks. They have provided Guidance for K-12 School Administrators on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Schools that provide practical recommendations for child care facilities. Currently, the CDC recommends schools continue to use the COVID-19 prevention strategies that are outlined in the current version of CDC's Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools for at least the remainder of the current academic school year. The CDC also states face masks be worn during transportation.

Providing Cloth Face Masks to Staff

It is recommended that child care providers provide non-medical grade face coverings to their unvaccinated workers at no cost. The <u>CDC</u> provides more guidance for how to properly wear and sanitize a cloth face cover.